

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 48 are pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Specification

The undersigned proposes updating the section of the specification containing references to related applications.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office rejects claims 1 through 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the website www.poweropt.com. As noted in the reply filed April 11, 2007 and during the interview conducted on January 24, 2007, the web site www.poweropt.com is owned and operated by the assignee of the present application and was developed by the inventors of the present application. It is true that the website www.poweropt.com has been in operation for some time. But the present application is directed to *new functionality that was added to the website*.

With respect to claims 1 and 10, the previously existing version of the web site www.poweropt.com did not provide the claimed methods for identifying stock option spread. With respect to claims 27, 28, and 48, the previously existing version of the web site www.poweropt.com did not provide the claimed methods for providing alerts. With respect to claims 9 and 45 through 47, the previously existing version of the web site www.poweropt.com did not provide the claimed methods for processing trades of financial instrument strategies including multiple financial instruments. With respect to claims 8, 4, and 29 through 44, the previously existing version of the web site www.poweropt.com did not provide the claimed method of formulating searches of financial instruments. Thus, Although the website www.poweropt.com existed prior to the filing of the present application, the pending claims are not anticipated or rendered obvious by that previously existing website. The Office has not establish a prima facie case of anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office requests that applicants “provide evidence to allow the examiner to assess the statements made in applicant’s remarks” (Office Action, p. 2). The undersigned

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understands that the Applicants do not have “flow charts, diagrams or drawings of how the website worked before the current suggested modification so as to distinguish over the current claims”(*id.*). As explained above, the pending claims are directed to subject matter that did not exist in the previously existing website.

Withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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